

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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WATER DEPARTMENT

1160 MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19107

December 31, 1975

Mr. Daniel J. Snyder  
Regional Administrator  
U. S. Environmental Protection  
Agency  
Region III, Curtis Building  
6th and Walnut Streets  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Dear Mr. Snyder:

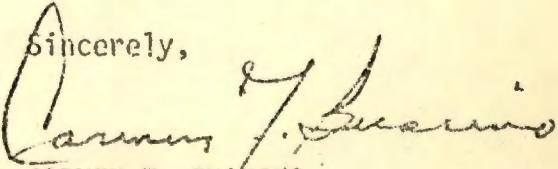
We have received your letter of December 22, 1975 informing us that the removal of refuse which has been deposited within the area planned for expansion of the Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant is ineligible for participation under the wastewater treatment works construction grant project. There appears to be several misunderstandings.

In 1963, when the Streets Department was granted permission to use the area as a landfill, it was not being reserved by the city for future expansion of the facility.

Philadelphia, as most other municipalities, is experiencing financial difficulties. Therefore, the city is not in a position to assume full financial responsibility for this project.

Although specifications (engineered by the Water Department's Design Branch) for the removal of this refuse are in the final review stages, they cannot be implemented without financial assistance. If Federal funds are not granted, removal of this refuse would be delayed indefinitely--an activity which, as you mentioned in your letter, must begin immediately if the project is to remain on schedule.

I would greatly appreciate your reconsideration of this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
CARMEN F. GUARINO  
Water Commissioner